## CLAIMS

- 1. A gelatin substitution product, characterized in that it contains essentially a vegetable fat.
  - 2. The gelatin substitution product, characterized in that the vegetable fat is comprised of at least 75 % palmitic, stearic and oleic acids and comprises a maximum of 1% of lauric acid.
- 3. The substitution product according to Claim 1 or 2, characterized in that it contains essentially cocoa butter.
- 4. The substitution product according to Claim 1, 2, or 3, characterized in that it comprises in addition additives such as antioxidants, lecithins and / or other emulsifiers.
- 5. The substitution product according to any one of the above claims, characterized in that it is 90 95 % deodorized.
  - 6. The substitution product according to any one of the above Claims, characterized in that it is present in the form of a powder.
- 7. A method for incorporating a substitution product according to any one of Claims 1 to 5,

characterized in that said product is melted at a temperature of from 30 to 40°C prior to being incorporated into the culinary preparation.

- 8. The method for incorporating a substitution product according to any one of Claims 1 to 6, characterized in that said product is incorporated directly into the preparation when the latter is heated to a temperature greater than 60°C.
- 9. The method of incorporation according to
  10 Claims 7 or 8, characterized in that said product is
  incorporated in a quantity equal to two to four times
  the quantity by weight of gelatin usually used in the
  culinary preparation.
- 10. The method according to any one of Claims 7 to 9, characterized in that the culinary preparation has a humidity of less than 70 %.
  - 11. Utilization of a product according to any one of Claims 1 to 6 for producing culinary preparations.
- 12. Utilization of a product according to any one 20 of Claims 1 to 6 for producing confectionery preparations.